

**John Stanwix to George Washington, June 18, 1757,
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FROM COLONEL JOHN STANWIX.

CAMP NEAR CARLYLE ¹ June 18th. 1757

SIR

I recd. both yours of the 15th: & 16th: of June, by the Favour of Colonel Armstrong & some hours before that had recd. intelligence from Capt: Dagworthy & Capt Beal of their intelligence of the Motions of the French & Indians towards Fort Cumberland, on the receipt of which I directly apply'd to the Magistrates here for Waggon's, for the Baggage Artillery, Ammunition and Provisions, & the moment they are provided shall March with the Five Compys. of the First Battalion of the Royl. Americans and what I can get together of Colonel Armstrong's Battalions wch I am hopeful will amount in the whole to six hundred men, shall march to Shippensburgh and from thence towards Winchester as I am inform'd there is thirty miles the other way to Fort Cumberland thro' the woods where there is no road cut, and am the more inclin'd to come to Winchester to joyn you as it seems to be (for the reasons you give) the properest place to make a Stand & concert such measures as may be best for his Majesty's service and shall depend a good deal upon your judgment & experience in the Operations in this Country, which you know by being long in it & I a Stranger have consult'd Col. Armstrong who thinks with me that Winchester will be the properest place for a Rendezvous & except I meet with other intelligence on my March

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must make that my first object, hope soon to have the pleasure of kissing your hands who am

Sir Your most obedt. humble Servt JOHN STANWIX

I have a letter from Capt Croghan who tells me he stay only two or three days at Winchester as on his getting my letter would be uncertain please if you think propr. to acquaint him with what I propose, & am a good deal hurryd. or would have wrote to him dare say he will do that upon consulting with you, which may make the Indians of service both you and he know infinitely better than I can possibly know of Indian affairs,

P. S. I have just recd. intelligence from Fort Allen in Pensilvania that an Indian lately came from Alleghany Says that the French Indians has actually cut a Road within ten miles of Fort Augusta, it appears they design, to amuse us in sundry places, And as I am leaving a Large Country Open into which into which is a great Road cut from the Alleghany Hills, I must depend on your Intelligence being expeditiously sent that I may take my measures accordingly.

1 Carlisle, Pennsylvania.